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Look who's in town



Penny Coles Niagara Advance

Santa Claus arrived in NOTL Saturday morning, just in time for the annual Christmas Parade. It was the 50th anniversary of the parade, and had a better turnout than other years, likely because of the mild temperatures. For more photos see pages 24 and 25.

Steering committee wants new health centre

Council deferred request for support and asked for more information from staff

Suzanne Mason
Special to the Advance

A new community-based health care centre is being recommended by a consulting firm to replace and enhance services provided by the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital which is scheduled to close next April.

Lough Barnes Consulting Group was hired by the Niagara-on-the-Lake Healthcare Steering Committee over two years ago and has released a 52-page report on the current and future medical needs of town residents.

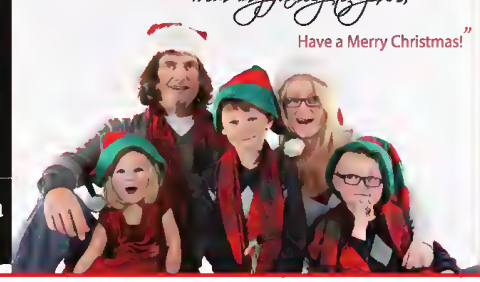
Two representatives of the steering committee, Dr. Karen Berti and Brenda Jones, came to town council Monday to discuss the report. They also requested support in principle for the committee's work and approval of a town planner to serve on a sub-committee looking for a location for a new centre.

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Local 'haunted house' for sale

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Is it baunted?

If ever there was a house that seemed hospitable to ghosts, 240 Centre St. in Niagara-on-the-Lake would be it, and it's been the subject of local ghost stories and paranormal websites for year.

An elegant, stately but simple two-storey house of soft pink brick, it's been abandoned for almost 60 years, boarded up against curiosity seekers and vandals who have nevertheless found their way in.

It was broken into as recently as Halloween, the plywood door covering and lock replaced yet again.

Inside, most of what you see is original, including brick room partitions and wood floors, and other features, such as the original window frames and shutters, are piled up against the walls. There are four fireplaces on the main floor and another four upstairs, some with mantles intact, plus two more in the basement, which was used as a kitchen.

There is no electricity, and shining a flashlight around reveals hunks of ceiling hanging down, missing floorboards and burned interior doors and framework.

A large hole in the roof has left the inside of the house open to the elements for decades, and yet there is no sign of four-legged presence.

When the real estate agent is asked about ghosts, his answer is that he's never seen an abandoned home before that didn't have some evidence of animals moving in, yet there are no telltale signs in this building that is so open to the elements.

If there are ghosts, they seem to be friendly, even welcoming - for all the dilapidated condition of the house, it has a positive energy to it, agree the three of us on this particular house tour.

It's been bome to drifters, and a popular place for kids to break into for telling ghost stories and lighting fires with bits of wood they've found in the house.

Officially, it's called the Breakenridge-Ure house. It was the third house built in 1823 by John Breckenridge, a lawyer. Tbere were tales of it being possessed by witches in its early history, and some mention of slaves, who lived in the barn and went back and forth from it to what became the Hawley house next door, being buried under a knoll on the half-acre property.

Local ghost tour guide Bill Hamilton says the tale he tells is of an owner who left in the middle of the night with his family, saying nothing to the neighbors. It was not listed for sale, but was then bought by local Robert Ure. Years later, after telling real estate agents not to bother him, Ure, says Hamilton, was approached in a restaurant by an interested buyer who offered him $1million for the property. The owner told him the house was not for sale and finished the conversation by saying "This house has a life of its own!"

Hamilton also tells the story of a couple of young boys who broke into to the house based on local tales of it being haunted by witches. They go up to the front door, where they find a hole big enough to fit through, and as they're arguing over who is brave enough to enter, they are interrupted by a spark on the second floor that catches the roof on fire and sends them racing home. The next day they return to find the house is as it was before, despite the fire they clearly saw.

There was a fire upstairs in the house - that's no ghost story, says real estate broker Gary Chahinian - the damage was extensive and is still evident. He was told by the executor of the Ure estate that a vagabond who was living in the house more than 30 years ago was cooking, when he heard someone arriving - he thought the police were coming to arrest him. He ran off, and whatever he was cooking started the fire.

There are several people in town who have stories to tell about boys who used to break into the bouse.

One local man swears he wasn't one of them, but he heard stories first-hand from some of his friends who did. Tbey admitted they ripped up bits of wood and had fires at night, he said.

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This house at the corner of Centre St. and Mississauga has been boarded up for almost 60 years. The owners intended to fix it up and live in it - the mystery is why they never did.
Julie Jocsak/QMI Agency Niagara

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House empty for almost 60 years





The second floor hallway (above, right), lit from the outside through a hole in the roof, shows off the original brick interior walls and the fire damage. Real estate broker Gary Chahinian (above) shines his flashlight on one of 10 original fireplaes in the house.

Julie Jocsak/ QMI Agency Niagara

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But the ghosts are not the real mystery - for years, people have driven past the house, which is on the corner of Mississauga St., and wondered who owned it and why it's been empty for so long.

The house was purchased in 1956 by George and Cecilia Roberts, the seventh owners. They planned on renovating it, keeping as much of the original structure as possible, according to a St. Catharines Standard article.

Robert Ure, a local surveyor who was known for finding good deals on houses before they were officially put on the market, bought it from the Roberts with the same intention just two years later, but although there is speculation about why he never did fix it up, nobody is certain.

Chahinian says a letter was found written by Robert to his wife Dorothy Ure in 1987, promising he would have it renovated so they could live in it.

Ure also bought three other Old Town properties, on King, Johnson and Ricardo Sts. He and Dorothy lived in the house on King, built in 1816. Under the rundown white siding is the original log dwelling - the only one in NOTL, the realtor says - built by a military carpenter.

The Ures were known to frequent antique and garage sales, buying up pieces they felt would be at suitable in heritage homes, but the houses they owned became storage properties for their purchases, rather than homes.

Robert, a member of Grace United Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake, died in March, and Dorothy, who worshipped at St. Andrew's Presbyterian, died in September. They are both buried in St. Andrew's cemetery - where they can keep an eye on the Centre St. house, right across the street.

All four properties have been neglected, but together, are listed for sale at more than $3 million.

Chahinian says the terms of Dorothy's will ask that the house on Centre St. not be torn down, and he is going to do his best to find someone - likely local - who respects and appreciates the history of the house and who wants to restore it.

It would make a great restaurant, he adds, and says he hopes the Town would consider a rezoning that would allow the building to be preserved and restored.

The property is priced at $950,000 - but would it be worth more or less without the house on it?

That's a toss-up, says Chahinian.

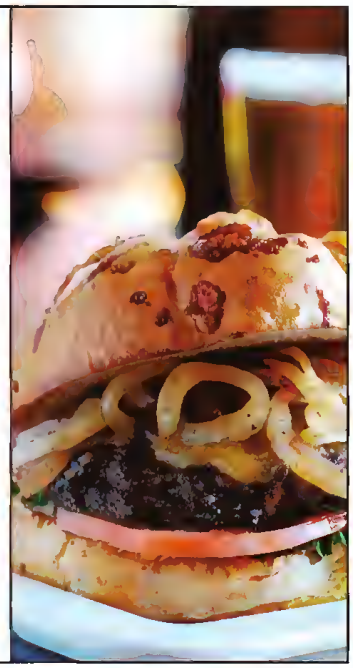
The half-acre property is in a prime location in NOTL, and might alone fetch that price a little quicker, without the restrictions that a heritage house on it might bring.

But there will be potential buyers who will see value in the building and its past, he said.

"You walk in and you see and feel the history. This house is a project for the right person. I hope to find someone who will keep it and do their best by it."



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Time to move forward, says Burroughs

Regional councillor ready to focus on town issues

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

He's had time for it to sink in, but it's not getting any easier.

Gary Burroughs is still disappointed and discouraged, down about having a job he loved taken away from him.

He wasn't surprised. There were contenders for the job of regional chair, and some criticism about how he handled it.

But last week's vote wasn't about leadership, he says, and he isn't taking it personally.

While some said he should have pulled in the reins during heated council discussions, he felt there was value to letting councillors have their say - they were elected by their constituents to represent their municipalities, and they bad a rigbt to do so, he said.

Reflecting on the last four years, he says he feels good about what was accomplished, and if he could go back and do it all again, be wouldn't do anything any differently.

"I have no regrets."

The outcome of the vote for regional chair was exactly what was expected, he said, although the media expressed surprise at the election of St. Catharines regional councillor Al Caslin.

"He was the candidate all along," said Burroughs.

"It was very little about the position of regional chair, and very much about control of the region."

Now, his focus turns to being the regional councillor for Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"What happened happened, and it's time to move on."

The town won't have as strong a voice at the region as it had the last four years - it can't, as it goes from three representatives at the table to two, and Burroughs moves from a full-time job to attending meetings three days a month. There is no way he, or any regional councillor, can be fully informed about issues on the horizon with so little time spent at the region, he says.

He hopes and expects Lord Mayor Pat Darte will be involved at the regional level, and Burroughs says he will listen to what Darte thinks the town should be doing.

Just keeping up on issues that impact NOTL will be a challenge, he says - issues such as "what's going to happen to the hospital, to the school, to Upper Canada Lodge, and to the EMS which is leaving town, although we'll still have the good coverage we had before."

The construction of the Lakeshore Rd. sewage treatment plant began earlier this month, and it should be done in 2017.

"I can't see anything stopping that," said Burroughs.



Gary Burroughs is disappointed at having the job of regional chair - a job he loved - whisked out from under him.
QMI Agency Niagara

But discussions continue about how to rehabilitate the sewage lagoons, and that's an important issue and an expensive one, he says.

"There will be a lot of public meetings and residents' involvement once we have a plan," says Burroughs.

"There are three or four alternatives we're looking at, and the residents should be involved. The cost will be in the millions, and with the clean-up that's already occurred and the clean-up still to take place, there is an opportunity to open that property up to residents."

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No decision on Rink at Brink

A decision on whether to buy the Rink at the Brink from the Winter Festival of Lights in Niagara Falls was deferred by Niagara-on-the-Lake council Monday.

The outdoor ice rink had been operated by the festival for the past five years, but problems with ice build-up often closed the facility due to its proximity to the Horseshoe Falls.

Lord Mayor Pat Darte and town staff negotiated a price of $38,000 for the ice surface, including accessories and equipment. The festival paid $700,000 for the rink in 2009.

Last week, the town's operations advisory committee deferred a staff recommendation to buy the rink and operate it next winter for about $154,000. Darte had consulted businesses and service groups to have the costs reduced through donations and in-kind services.

Some councillors are concerned about the operating costs and want to see a confirmed list of community sponsors.

Next step: find site for centre

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"We are the trailblazers," said Jones, referring to the impending closure of five hospitals in Niagara and the need for local services for residents who will no longer have a hospital close by.

"We need to find ways to provide services for higher risk (patients) especially those over the age of 80," said Berti.

"We can't continue to house these people in hospital beds," she said. "We need to help people stay at home longer and healthier."

The health care model recommended by the consultants would involve various health care agencies and medical professionals working under one roof. It would include palliative care, convalescent care, emergency medical services, home care and mental health services for adults and children.

The report recommends that the Niagara-on-the-Lake Family Health Team, which currently employs 10 doctors and other health service professionals, be at the centre of the new model. Services envisioned at the new center would be physiotherapy, diagnostic imaging and labs, a pharmacy, a nurse practitioner-led clinic and visiting specialists for internal medicine, wound and diabetes care and geriatric care.

The next phases for the steering committee are to form a board of directors and to look into detailed service planning and potential building locations. The former Niagara District Secondary School property, the current hospital site and vacant land near the community centre in Virgil are among sites under consideration.

Coun. Betty Disero called the report "amazing" but said "I still have more questions... than I have answers. The story is constantly changing."

Council decided to receive the delegation's report and refer it to staff to obtain more information before voting on the steering committee's requests for support in principle and allocation of a town planner to a sub-committee to look for a site for a new health care centre.



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our editorial

Lots of good news – we think

We have argued often and aggressively in this space that selling off two Regent St. lots for two more houses was a mistake - that the property should be kept as public space. There were councillors that pushed hard for that as well when the rezoning of the lots came up, but the majority were too interested in the money - about $800,000 - to listen.

Those councillors heard how upset residents were about that decision during the election, and as promised, at the first meeting of the new council, those lots were taken off the market. Congratulations to all for making that decision and following through.

Council also approved the purchase of the former Niagara District Secondary School at its first meeting - again, kudos for moving quickly and making an election promise a reality. Let's hope the move will bring back a high school - at least we're a step closer.

Now, on the issue of health care and a new health centre - this is a huge decision, and a very costly one. After almost two years of waiting for some idea of where this issue is headed - although we kind of already knew where the committee was headed - it seems kind of sudden that we're here, talking not about whether there will be a new building but where it will be located.

It sounds great - let's have a brand new health centre with all all kinds of wonderful services under one roof - it'll be amazing. Brand new digs. But so many unanswered questions. How much? Who is going to pay for it? Where is the business plan? Doctors, private labs, all the kinds of services that would be located in this new Taj Mahal of a building, usually find their own offices and pay for them. But that doesn't seem to be the case here. Of course Niagara-on-the-Lake residents want health care right here in town, but does the town owe it to those doctors and other health care professionals to build their offices? Is that what taxpayers support? It doesn't sound like the message that was heard at the round of public meetings held in September. Will there be more public input now we know where the committee is heading? No mention of it so far.

Council is wise in holding off making a decision even for support in principle. There is still a lot to talk about. Isn't there?

Spirit of co-operation will help address all issues before council

Progress already made on election promises



Lord Mayor Pat Darte
council update

Many of you who know me will be familiar with my love for all things community – whether it be sports, recreation or cultural activities. I love the thrill of people from all ages and backgrounds working together towards a common goal.

So, it will come as no surprise I intend to apply that principle to my work as Lord Mayor.

During the election campaign, we heard from many residents who made it clear you can't sustain a quality community – and one which attracts young families – without critical resources such as education, health care and transit.

And many others pointed out our community has always been vigilant in preserving what makes Niagara-on-the-Lake so unique – valuable green space, heritage sites and communal areas – in conjunction with responsible development.

Those messages have been received loud and clear. At its first meeting on Dec. 15, towncouncil voted to take the former lawn bowling property off the market as residentially-zoned lots and consider other uses preferred by the majority of residents.

Council also approved the purchase of the former Niagara District Secondary School property and requested that staff look at potential uses for that site, including options for bringing secondary education back to this community.

At that same meeting, we received a status report from the NOTL Health Care Steering Committee. This committee has made important first steps in identifying the many health service needs within our area. Now we need to determine how to move forward as a community, and in consultation with the Niagara Health System and all our partners, to ensure our residents have local access to quality health-care when the current hospital site closes.

It is in that spirit of co-operation I'm confident we'll find ways to bring even more and improved health-care services to our community.

In fact, it is in that spirit of co-operation I'm confident we'll be able to address all of the issues that will come before us over the next four years.

From my family to yours, wishing you the very best this Christmas. season.

letters to the editor

Christian events not a crime

I was privileged and honoured to be the speaker at Niagara-on-the-Lake's first prayer breakfast.

I have also spoken at over 50 such breakfasts across Canada, including Ottawa's Parliamentary Prayer breakfast. All of these are open events for people of other faiths or no faith. Often people of different faiths have participated from the head table. Yes, they are Christian-based affairs where a community comes together to pray for their elected officials. This is neither a crime nor a bad thing as in other parts of the world.

Like it or not, Canada's foundational values, traditions and laws are based on Christian beliefs and teachings. As a result, we have freedom of religion, not freedom from religion. That is a major reason why people from other lands stream into Canada.

Clearly, it is "open season" on Christians since any such gathering of other faiths would have elected officials stumbling over each other to attend.

Whether cloaked in inclusiveness or political correctness, anti-Christian bigotry is still bigotry.

Congratulations to former Lord Mayor Dave Eke for joining with the rest of Canada in this great tradition of bringing people of prayer together.

Thomas S. Caldwell

Thanks for supporting Lioness

On bebalf of the St. Davids Lioness Club I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Stephanie Hall and Dr. Alysia Alger of the St. Davids Veterinary Clinic for their recent Photo with Santa fundraiser, the proceeds of which they have very generously donated to the St. Davids Lioness Guide Dog Fund.

Special thanks also to the pet owners who supported this event by bringing their precious pets to have their photo taken with Santa. This donation brings the St.Davids Lioness Club one step closer to sponsoring a guide dog for a deserving autistic child.

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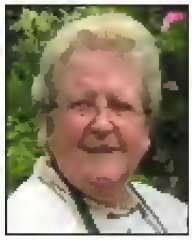
Thank you again Drs. Hall and Alger for your incredible generosity. We are truly humbled by both yours and the community support shown for our club's fundraising efforts.

Special thanks is also extended to the Mell Family of Grape Escape Wine Tours for their recent generous donation and to Penny Coles and the Niagara Advance for providing such great coverage of this fundraising event. Merry Christmas to you all.

Helena Copeland
St. Davids Lioness

opinion

Parade brings recollections of volunteers and laughter



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

Christmas is my favourite time of year, yes, even with the shopping.

Even during the war back in Scotland, when we seldom got snow, it was a special time with the possibility of an apple or an orange (never both) in the toe of your stocking, and the mail service so speedy that the relatives who had a farm in Ireland would mail a freshly killed chicken and it arrived still fresh to be cooked for Christmas dinner.

There is a feeling in the air and for me it is more about giving than getting. I like my Christmas cards to say Merry Christmas, after all Jesus is the reason for the season - so why change it?

I have never been rich so there were no dreams of showering everyone with gifts, but what I and many others have done is give the gift of our time - we are the volunteers. The rewards for us - the fact that we have made life a little bit better for someone else.

We have just enjoyed another Christmas Parade and it is all thanks to volunteers. It was only when I helped make a float for our Sunday School that I realized just how much work was involved. There was the stable and manger which my husband made from old barn boards. I created the animals - ox and ass and then we added our real live people, Mary and Joseph, shepherds and angels, all warmly clad under the costumes.

The congregation was invited to follow along, clad as desert nomads - you never saw such a selection of bathrobes. We even had the three kings on horse-back, their costumes were fantastic and designing suitable headdresses that had to go over safety helmets was quite a challenge.

Because our unit included horses we had to have a 'pooper-scooper' we had a brave volunteer (in costume) complete with wheelbarrow and shovel.

You may have noticed some people around the parade with walkie-talkies - they are the ones who help get everyone intro the proper position. All the floats, bands, marchers, etc., are lined up on different side streets and brought into position - quite the feat.

So off we go, but we did not get far, one of the horses would not pass a drum corp band - so he had to go home in case he caused an accident, slight change to our story - we now had only two kings.

We had a sound system on the float so we could sing carols as we went, and during a lull one of the Sunday School teachers (a married woman with a family) longingly said, "I always wanted to be Mary." Back came the quick retort, "You're a bit late dearie."

We were nearing the main street when a fight broke out among the angels - desert nomads to the rescue - but the shepherds were joining in - peace was restored then a shout went up: "watch your feet!" The pooper scoopers for the horses ahead of us had missed some.

Then we hear a voice - "At least we are not wearing sandals," and that is how it went, we waved to friends, kept the children happy, and laughed a lot. I don't remember ever being so warm on a bitterly cold day.

So where ever you are, watching a Santa parade - whether it is on national TV or your home town, just remember that hundreds of volunteers are wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

Their reward? The smiles on the faces of children of all ages.

Merry Christmas to all.

Magical horse ride a happy memory



Sharon Frayne
NOTL Writers Circle

I heard the jingle bells and singing while I played in the front room of our little bungalow. I ran to the window and gasped as a pair of sturdy ebony horses and a large wagonload of children, waited outside.

My father whooped and grabbed my boots and winter snowsuit. Before I knew what was happening, I was trundled down the steps and carried up to the wagon. Hands reached out to pull me in, and covered me with a warm blanket.

The evening sky was deep and dark, freezing cold and filled with stars. The wagon jerked and off we rolled into an adventure. The big, black, hairy horses had tinkling bells attached to their heavy harness and they beat a rhythm with their steel shod hooves.

Sparks flew as they struck the frozen pavement. I could smell the pungent odour of the horses. Around me, voices sang familiar tunes and I found the courage to join my little voice. We sang carols until we were hoarse. There were cups of hot chocolate, cookies and smiling faces all around. I don't remember going home, only the magical journey with prancing steeds and happy voyageurs.

Later I learned that this was a Christmas treat from Avondale Dairy on Stewart Rd. It was a novelty gift for customers who still received milk, delivered by horse cart, early in the mornings. It was fun to see glass jugs of milk, frozen solid at the back door, with the little cardboard lids popped up from the swollen icy milk.

The magical steeds that arrived that night were the familiar pair that arrived so faithfully and quietly early each morning to deliver our milk. On a frigid winter night, they brought a gift of enchantment to a little girl, bundled in a snowsuit.

Sharon Frayne is a member of the NOTL Writers Circle. Members are sharing their holiday stories with Advance readers.

Prisoner of war shared Christmas



Jean Baker
NOTL Writers Circle

My home town of Leicester, England had suffered immense bomb damage during the frequent air raids of 1943

Fuel, food and clothes rationing ensured that there would be no excessive indulgence during the bleak winter. No toys in the dimly lit shop windows.

A scarcity of fresh fruit, but perhaps an orange for the stockings.

Compensation for the inevitable shortages was met by the valiant fire service of which my father, being a conscientious objector, was a capable if unwilling recruit. The firemen crafted exquisite wooden toys for the annual Christmas party held in the fire hall. I became the proud owner of a wooden scooter which ran on wheels purloined from a doll's pram. Terrorizing the steep streets was pure delight, even if knee scrapes were bathed in stinging dettol.

As the festive season approached, we made colourful paper chains and magic lanterns. A coal fire burning in the sitting room on Christmas morning was the focal point of our traditional round of mince pies and non-alcoholic Stones Green Ginger wine, my father being a strict tee-totaller. No Christmas tree stood in our window. I envied our neighbours who displayed one for all passers by to admire.

We were awaiting an unusual guest. Father had obtained permission of the commandant of the nearby German prisoner of war camp to escort an inmate home to partake of our meager fare; a chicken served with whatever trimmings were available and a miracle pudding made with American dried eggs - the hens had gone on strike.

Celebrations continued around the ancient Collard and Collard piano singing carols, Kurt's tenor voice filling the room with Silent Night in German.

For Kurt the choices were stark - either join the army or be incarcerated in one of Hitler's concentration camps.

Kurt became a regular visitor, tending our chickens and planting potatoes.

Despite all our hardships, regular blackouts, scrambling for protection under our steel table shelter, Kurt's presence at Christmas was a true blessing.

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letters to the editor

Support local businesses

Family-owned businesses are the backbone of any community.

They keep our money in the local economy and guarantee satisfaction in order to ensure repeat customers.

NOTL, while largely catering to tourists, is home to a number of locally owned excellent small businesses that we should all support whenever possible. One of these is the Video Gallery on Lakeshore Rd. Yes, Netflix is fast and easy and cheap, but very limited in its offerings.

If you enjoyed the good old days of pleasurable browsing in an independent book store, spend some time at the Video Gallery and you will be delighted by what you discover. (I am now a fan of Film Noir and other genres, thanks to the advice of Anne, Craig and Bert.)

Also, Netflix will never offer you the delicious Christmas cookies that Anne bakes every year.

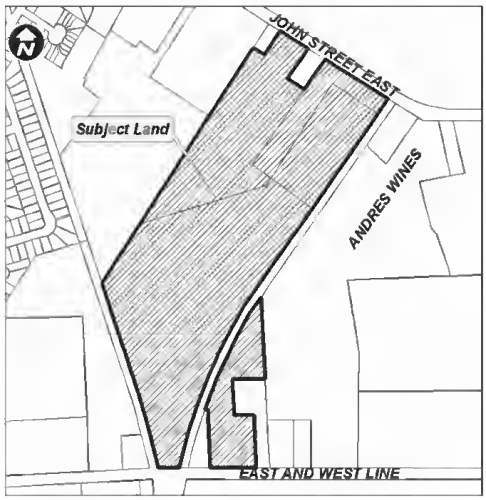
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

240 John Street - Zoning Amendment



PROPOSED CHANGE

To permit a restaurant use in an existing winery.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on any proposed matter is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town.

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: **January 12, 2015**
Time: **7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter**
Place: **Council Chambers, Municipal Offices**
1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, Ontario
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request personal notice if the proposed change is adopted, please send a letter c/o Town Clerk Holly Dowd, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, Ontario, L0S 1T0.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information please contact Aaron Butler at 905-468-3266, extension 294 or abutler@notl.org. A copy of this notice can be found on the Town's website at **www.notl.org**

LEGAL NOTICE

Section 34 of the Planning Act

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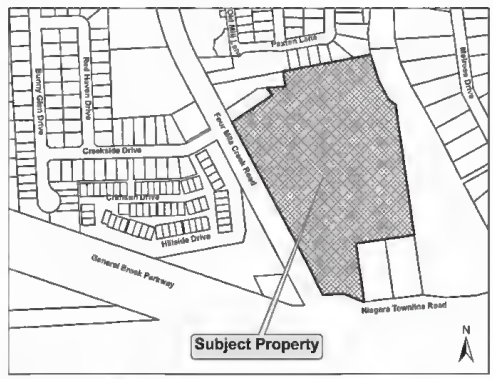
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Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 18th day of December 2014.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

21-25 Four Mile Creek Road - Zoning Amendment



PROPOSED CHANGE

To remove the site specific Village Commercial (VC-1) Zone and to permit an increase in the number of mobile/modular residential units from 131 plus the existing single detached dwelling to 137, plus the existing single detached dwelling; and to convert the former shop to a common building that will be used for social gatherings for the residents of the community and office space.

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MORE INFORMATION

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Villas Outside of Urban Boundaries- Official Plan Amendment

PROPOSED CHANGE

The purpose of this amendment is to add policies to the Official Plan relating to Villas located outside of urban areas. These policies were deferred as a result of comments provided by the Region of Niagara regarding Official Plan Amendment Number 55 (Cottage Rentals, Villas, Vacation Apartments). The policies are specific to issues of clarity and to ensure that rural and agricultural interests are protected in accordance with the Regional Policy Plan including:

- Clarification of definitions
- Consistency in wording
- Inclusion of policies related to lot creation
- Clarification of the number of rooms permitted in Villas outside urban areas.

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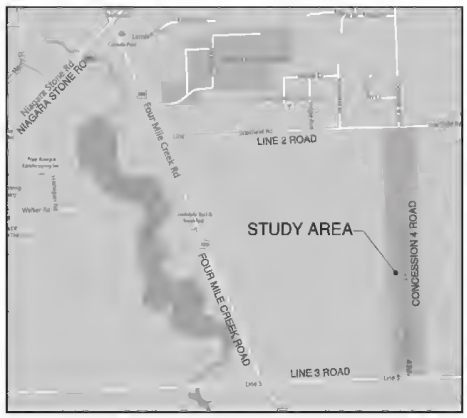
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NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION
MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Extension of Concession 4 Road from Line 2 Road to Line 3 Road
In the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has completed the Class Environmental Assessment for the extension of Concession 4 Road from Line 2 Road to Line 3 Road. The limits of the study area are shown in the exhibit below. The Town's intention in this study was to determine and plan the works required to address transportation capacity deficiencies and the need for operational improvements in this vicinity near the village of Virgil, in accordance with the recommendations of the Town's Transportation Master Plan Study.



In accordance with Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act, the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has planned this project under Schedule "B" of the Municipal Engineers Association's (MEA) "Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Road Projects." A Public Information Center (PIC) was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, to present and obtain comments on the problem statement, identified solutions, and preliminary design concepts. Interested members of the public, local agricultural and business communities, and agencies were encouraged to attend. Information pertaining to the Study was displayed and members of the project team were on hand to discuss questions or concerns brought forward by attendees.

Based on thorough analysis of the relative merits of the alternative solutions and taking into consideration comments of the public and various agencies, a preferred solution has been identified. Main features of the preferred solution include:

- Construct a new road in the existing road right-of-way to extend Concession 4 Road from Line 2 Road to Line 3 Road;
- Road to have rural cross-section with 2 driving lanes, paved shoulders and roadside ditches.

An Environmental Screening Report, documenting the planning process undertaken, key elements of the preferred design and its associated impacts to the environment, is on display for review at the following location for thirty calendar days beginning on December 16, 2014 and ending on January 16, 2015:

Clerk's Department
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
1593 Four Mile Creek Road
Virgil, Ontario

During this review period, you are encouraged to contact either one of the following project team members if you have any questions or concerns about this project or would like additional information on the project:

Ms. Marci Weston	**Mr. Henk Klessen**
Project Manager	**Project Manager**
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake	**Quartek Group Inc.**
1593 Four Mile Creek Road	89-91 St. Paul Street, Suite 100
P.O. Box 100	St. Catharines, Ontario
Virgil, Ontario L0S 1T0	L2R 3M3
Tel. (905) 468-3278	Tel. (905) 984-8676
Fax (905) 468-1722	Fax (905) 682-5896
e-mail: mweston@notl.org	e-mail: hklessen@quartekgroup.com

If, after consulting with the Town and/or Quartek, you have unresolved concerns, you may request a "Part II Order" (bumping the project to a full individual Environmental Assessment), by submitting a written request to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change at the following address and providing a copy to the Town before the end of the thirty calendar day review period.

The Honourable Glen Murrey
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
12th Floor, 135 St. Clair Avenue West
Toronto, Ontario
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The project will be able to proceed based on the preferred design if there are no outstanding "Part II Order" requests at the end of the thirty calendar day review period. As of present day, the target date for starting construction is the spring of 2015.

Holly Oowd, Town Clerk
Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario this 18th day of December 2014.

Volunteers Needed for Town Committees/Boards
2014 - 2018 Term of Council

The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake is seeking citizens to be part of various advisory committees and boards for this Term of Council. Town Council will select and appoint resident members who reflect a balance of interests, experience, and perspectives within the specific mandate of each committee and board.
Membership is required for the following 2014 - 2018 Advisory Committees to Council and Other Committees of Council.

Advisory Committees to Council	Community Members Needed
Agricultural Committee	5
Committee of Adjustment (Combined with Fence Variance Committee & Property Standards Committee)	7
Irrigation Advisory Committee	3
Licensing Appeal Committee	5
Municipal Heritage Committee	5
Niagara-on-the-Lake Active Transportation Committee	7
Sign Committee	3
Urban Design Committee	3

Other Committees of Council	Community Members Needed
Fence Viewers Committee	3
Glendale Task Force	3
NOTL Safety Committee	5
Tree Advisory Committee	3

External Committees	Community Members Needed
Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee	1
Niagara District Airport	1
Niagara-on-the-Lake Energy Inc. (Hydro)	4
Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library Board	5

An application form, and Terms of Reference for each Committee noted above are available on the Town's website under Hot Topics. The application deadline is Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. A resume identifying specific qualifications for the committee terms of reference is required with each application.

Completed applications may be submitted to the Corporate Services Department, Municipal Offices, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, PO Box 100, Virgil ON L0S 1T0 or by email to vbutters@notl.org.

Also, there will be an information session on January 5, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers for those wishing to receive written information or ask questions of staff members affiliated with these committees/boards.

Please note: Interviews will be offered to applicants.

Conflict of interest rules will apply to all citizen members, pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter M.50, a copy of which is available for viewing www.e-laws.gov.on.ca

Applications submitted are subject to the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. In addition, in signing the application form, applicants are giving consent to the public disclosure of their personal information and a summary of their experience and qualifications if they are recommended for appointment.

A complete list of all Town Committees/Boards and Terms of Reference is available at www.notl.org
Holly Oowd, Town Clerk
December 18, 2014

DEPOSITING SNOW ON ROADWAYS AND WINTER PARKING

Residents are reminded that during winter weather conditions, pushing or blowing snow and ice onto or across public roadways creates an unsafe situation for drivers and is subject to penalty under Section 181 of the Highway Traffic Act.

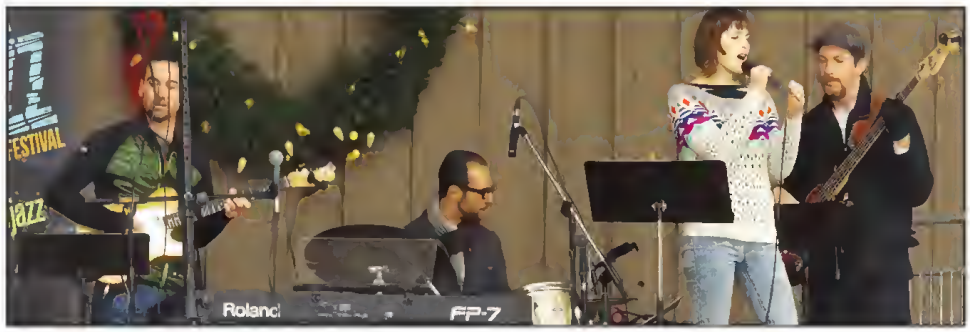
Leaving vehicles parked or standing on a roadway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or clearing of snow from the roadway also creates an unsafe situation and is likewise subject to penalty. If snow is expected, please do not park your vehicle on the roadway until snow plowing operations are complete and the roadways are clear.

To ensure the safe passage of traffic and to prevent interference with snow clearing operations, Town Enforcement staff will be issuing parking violation tickets for any vehicles found parked on public streets in Niagara-on-the-Lake in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the highway in contravention of Traffic and Parking By-Law 4308-09, or in contravention of the Highway Traffic Act.

We also ask parents to remind their children to be aware of the additional hazards associated with plowing operations and traffic during winter driving conditions.

Please consider the safety of other road users - thank you for being a good neighbour!

Operations Department – Public Works



The Ashley St. Pierre Quartet was one of two performing bands at the Sounds of Christmas in Simcoe Park this Sunday. They joined the Shea D Duo Quarter for the second concert of a series of three. The final concert in the park is this Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. and will showcase Duo Nuevo and a special performance - the Mantini Sister's Holiday Show. Music lovers are encouraged to dress warm, bring blankets, chairs and hot refreshments from local businesses.

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Lord Mayor calls for 1.5% limit to tax increase

Vacation rental owner hopes for a seat at the municipal council table

Suzanne Mason
QMI Agency Niagara

Niagara-on-the-Lake Lord Mayor Pat Darte convinced councillors Monday to direct staff to hold an increase to the municipal levy next year to a maximum of 1.5 %.

That was down from the upper limit of 1.9% recommended by staff and approved last week at the corporate services advisory committee.

Darte's first motion Monday, which called for "a minimal impact on residents' tax bill" in the next budget sparked considerable debate.

Councillor Jim Collard advised the lord mayor to attach a figure to his motion, so the increase to the consumer price index of 1.5 % was chosen.

"It's a feel good motion," said Coun. Terry Flynn. "Is it going to happen? Probably not."

He noted that with the economic downturn, the town needs to build its reserves and there is a desire for a better transportation network. He added there may be more costs for firefighters and snow removal in the next budget.

Darte pointed out that new tax revenue sources, such as the Outlet Collection at Niagara mall, will help keep property taxes down.

"This is a one-time thing," he said.

"We want to show residents that council is looking out for them."



Lord Mayor Pat Darte wants 'minimal impact' from tax bill

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Town takes Regent St. lots off the market

Suzanne Mason
QMI Agency Niagara

The former property used by the Lawn Bowling Club in the Old Town has been taken off the market by the town and will not be sold for housing.

The two lots at 236 and 244 Regent St. had been declared surplus a couple of years ago after the bowling club relocated to the new community centre in Virgil.

In 2011, The Niagara Foundation requested that the land be turned into an 1812 Bicentennial Peace Garden. A committee of town councillors and staff decided at the time that there was already sufficient public green space in the area and recommended that the town sell both properties to private developers.

The town has been trying to sell the properties for the past year, but there have been no offers. Meanwhile, several councillors said Monday that the decision to sell the land was a major election issue in October when they talked to residents.

"I'm sure we all heard about it when we knocked on doors," said Lord Mayor Pat Darte.

Councillors approved a motion by Coun. Martin Mazza that the town retain ownership of the two lots. He said they could potentially be used as a cobblestone parking lot, an open-air market or a bus shelter, drinking fountain and benches could be installed at the site.



Coun. Martin Mazza wanted residential lots taken off the market and retained for public space.

"(This issue) was the biggest motivator for me to run (for re-election)," said Mazza, noting that the land has been owned by the town for 220 years.

Council will discuss possible uses for the property at a future meeting next year.

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MPP Gates pushes Parliament Oak with lieutenant–governor

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

When Elizabeth Dowdeswell made her first visit to Niagara Wednesday since being sworn in as lieutenant-governor of Ontario in September, her plan was to talk about economic and environmental sustainability.

Her first stop of the morning was at the town hall in Niagara-on-the-Lake for what was billed as a courtesy call with Pat Darte, the new lord mayor, and a brief civic reception. She didn't expect to be grilled about education.

But she didn't know Niagara Falls MPP Wayne Gates, who attended the reception in the town council chamber, and who never misses a chance to talk about Parliament Oak School in the Old Town, the local board's decision to close it, and the devastating effects of school closures around Ontario.

She declined to get into that discussion with Gates - it's not within her mandate.

But she is passionate about education, she said.

"Education is very important to me - I feel like it's what I should be shining a light on," she said.

Dowdeswell said she feels very fortunate to have been brought up in a family where education was a priority - there was never a doubt that high school would be followed by further education. It was just a matter of fact."

So no surprise that her day included a visit to Niagara College and Brock University.

She expected to hear lots of "positive stories" about an area steeped in history, but also wanted to hear about some of the economic, social and environmental challenges, and listen to the students and professors talk about how to make the province better, she said.

She spent a few minutes chatting informally before leaving for the Old Town and visits to the Shaw Festival and the Niagara Historical Museum, then on to the Wine Visitor and Education Centre at Niagara College, where she had a raft of questions about the college's wine program and Ontario vintages — many focused on marketing efforts.

Her walkabout included sips of a Niagara College Teaching Winery's 2012 unoaked chardonnay and a sampling of ice wine.

During the tour Dowdeswell said she planned to spend the first couple of months in her term "listening to Ontarians and finding out what was important to them — and what they thought I could do."

"And this is part of that listening tour," she said.

Dowdeswell said of particular interest for her are educational institutions that "really speak to the best Ontario has to offer."

She also spoke warmly of Niagara-on-the-Lake: "A great place to be at any time, particularly at Christmas.

Institutions like the college and Shaw Festival "give you a sense of what this community is all about," she said.

Dowdeswell added she had no direct connections to Niagara, "other than being a consumer or everything from culture to its products."

After lunch at the college's Benchmark Restaurant, she visited the Brock University Environmental Sustainability Research Centre, and wrapped up her day at a civic reception in St. Catharines and a visit with Mayor Walter Sendzik.

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The bands were amazing as always, the community floats impressive and Santa himself a hit as the Niagara-on-the-Lake Christmas Parade made its way through the streets of the Old Town Saturday, taking almost two hours for the 100 entries to make their way from Parliament Oak School on King St. to the Queen St. cenotaph.

Letters to Santa were collected along the way, food for Newark Neighbours, mittens, hats and scarves for those in need.



Veterans representing the Royal Canadian Legion led the NOTL Christmas Parade as honory marshals, as the legion commorates the two world wars. Clowns - lots of clowns - were in evidence to entertain, handing out candy canes to youngsters, while cheerleaders from Parliament Oak Public School showed off what they have learned.

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The Top Hat Marching Band (clockwise from above) leader moves into the crowd at the NDTL Christmas Parade Saturday to dance with a bystander, putting smiles on people's faces, while local floats entertain along the route - St. Davids Public School carries students and parents, Lord Mayor Pat Darte brings season's greetings, Crossroads Public School shows off its many clubs and sports teams, and the NDTL Family Health Team gets into the festive spirit. Penny Coles Niagara Advance





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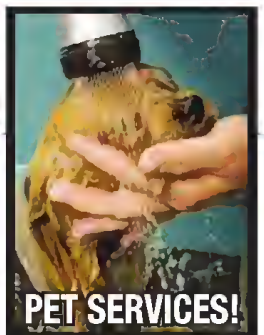
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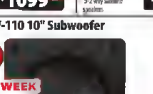
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Rooms still available for 40 Winks' discounted rooms for Red Roof

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Tbere are still some great rooms left at great prices, and the opportunity to help Red Roof Retreat.

The Charles Inn and Colonel Butler Best Western both have discounted rooms available for the popular 40 Winks charity event, with 100 per cent of the proceeds going to Red Roof Retreat.

This year's event will be Thursday, Feb. 5, and will offer the rare opportunity to spend the night at Niagara's Finest Inns' Charles Inn for $60, and the Best Western for $40.

Red Roof Retreat provides quality recreational, educational and respite services to children, youth and young adults with special needs and their families. It was established by Stefanie Bjorgan, a leader in the Niagara Region in the quest for achieving an appropriate lifestyle for people with special needs.

"The money helps offset operating costs," says Bjorgan.

"We look forward to this event every year, and we are so grateful to Niagara's Finest Inns for their continued support of the Red Roof Retreat," said Bjorgan, who started Red Roof almost a decade ago with her husband Moe.

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Tuesday, Dec. 23	No change
Wednesday, Dec. 24	No change
Thursday, Dec. 25	Friday, Dec. 26
Friday, Dec. 26	Saturday, Dec. 27
Monday, Dec. 29	No Change
Tuesday, Dec. 30	No Change
Wednesday, Dec. 31	No Change
Thursday, Jan. 1	Friday, Jan. 2
Friday, Jan.2	Saturday, Jan. 3

HOLIDAY GARBAGE EXEMPTIONS

In the week following Christmas (Dec. 26, 27, 29, 30, 31), households may place double their regular weekly garbage limit to the curb on their collection day.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

- Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015 ONLY
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Coun. Jim Collard received a long-standing service award - 25 years in municipal government - from the province, presented to him by Lord Mayor Pat Darte at Monday's council meeting. The award is for his work in helping to build strong communities and was signed by Ted McMeekin, minister of municipal affairs and housing.

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PEGGY ANDERSON AWARD

Our community recently lost Ron Cherney, a man everyone knew worked hard every year with the Virgil Business Association to help organize the Virgil Stampede. But after he passed away, those who worked with him began talking about his many different roles with the stampede, and by putting all those stories together, it became evident how much of a contribution he has made over the years, and how impossible he will be to replace. Each year, the VBA tries to do something a little different to keep the event fresh, and that's done through the entertainment. It's also a challenge to ensure there is something happening on the grounds throughout what has become a three-day event. For many years that challenge was met by Ron as he organized the entertainers and scheduled their appearances, and it was a huge undertaking. But his work didn't end there. He was on the grounds all three days, he walked around with his microphone promoting events and food, he pitched in where ever there was a need, from the days when he was the announcer at the pig run to the more recent years of getting into the mud pit to announce the mud run. He also helped at the nickel sale, the food booths, and with the publicity of the event leading up to it. Hopefully Ron knew how much his hard work was appreciated, but this award is being given so his family and friends see him recognized publicly, and realize how much he will be missed not just by those closest to him but by an entire community.





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Ron Cherney was a great loss to the VBA and to our community. He will be missed!

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WORK WITH YOUTH



Sharon Van Noort has contributed to our community in many different ways, but tonight we'd like to recognize her for her work with the Niagara-on-the-Lake branch of the air cadets. Sharon became a volunteer with the cadets when her son joined about five years ago, but when he outgrew the organization, she continued to stay involved. As the parent committee co-ordinator, she organizes the volunteers for the many events - including Remembrance Day cadet participation, the annual food collection, the twice-annual bottle drive and the year-end barbecue. Although her job is to make sure there are enough volunteers and they each have their area of responsibility, Sharon is just as involved in helping with the events, the bottle drive in particular, which is a major fundraiser for the cadets. She organizes the trucks and warehouse space, and she drives one of the trucks while the cadets pick up bottles. Without her assistance, that event wouldn't happen. She was also instrumental in organizing a trip to Vimy Ridge for the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, a highlight for many local cadets. The cadet organization provides amazing opportunities for youth who choose to join, and the local branch would not be as successful as it is without the volunteer efforts of Sharon.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



About a decade ago, Niagara-on-the-Lake didn't have a Terry Fox run - there was no one to organize it. Then Joan King stepped up, and each year since then, participation and fundraising has increased, as she has worked to make it a true community event. She is already planning for next year's run, thinking up new and different ways to increase participation and donations by involving more teams, more families, more individuals, and more spin-off events. And while the focus of her efforts has always been to organize a successful Terry Fox run, she has turned it into so much more than a fundraiser, putting her enthusiasm and energy to work to make it a community and family event that others don't want to miss. She epitomizes the spirit of Terry Fox and is the perfect candidate to receive this award for planning such a significant and successful community event.

WORK WITH SENIORS



In the category of working with seniors, three individuals are being recognized as a team that works well together: Mary Janzen, Margie Enns and Herman Neufeld. These three people have been volunteering for more than 30 years at Chateau Gardens long-term care home, going once a week to entertain the seniors. Mary leads a sing-song on the piano, playing old-time favourites, while Margie and Herman sing and clap, engaging the seniors, inspiring some to dance and others to belt out the tunes along with them. They bring smiles to many faces and sometimes tears of joy, and for many of the residents, it's the highlight of their week. They are receiving this award for bringing happiness to others - what could be more deserving of recognition?

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COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE



Jack Lane is a retired musician who loves to invite his Toronto friends, who are also professional musicians, to Niagara-on-the Lake for an evening of great fun and great music. His Big Band events are always fundraisers, and this year he chose Gillian's Place as the recipient. Jack's friend Peter Gill has helped him in the past behind the scenes, but this year took a more active role, with publicity and by gathering items for a silent auction to help raise the level of their donation. Peter also participated in the annual Walk a Mile in her Shoes, that very painful event where men put on high heeled shoes and walk a mile around the Pen Centre, to raise money for Gillian's Place. Thanks to these two successful events and the efforts of Jack and Peter, with their wive's help, Gillian's Place will be able to continue its great work and expand its outreach programs helping women and children escape abusive situations.

SAFETY



Terry Nord is the voluntary training officer for the local Civil Air Rescue Emergency Service. Terry is responsible for the knowledge and safety of 34 volunteer members who serve with the Civil Air Search And Rescue Association of south central Ontario. He plans and directs local training of air rescue volunteers according to professional standards in electronic search, first aid, spotting, navigating and piloting, providing air search assistance to the Royal Canadian Air Force. Terry's seven-year involvement with air rescue has seen him in a number of roles, most recently as a search co-ordinator with the Trenton base. He also co-ordinates simulated training exercises for volunteers assisting the professionals who fly the Hercules and Griffon aircraft. Recently he took part in training in the arctic using computerized Virtual Trainers, which simulate a spotter flying in an aircraft. Terry and the local volunteer air rescue service are based at Niagara District Airport, but can be called on at a moment's notice to assist professional search and rescue operations across the province - making Terry's award for safety extremely well-deserved recognition for heroic effort in making a difference in what can be life and death situations.

CULTURAL CONTRIBUTION



David Willett and Carol Gray are enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers with the Niagara Pumphouse Art Centre. Both have served on the board of directors. David has been building manager, often tackling arduous physical work - it's not unusual to find him up a ladder with a paintbrush in hand. He also has taken on the administrative tasks necessary to run the building, and most recently, has been in charge of rentals and special projects. Carol is now chair of the board, and of the exhibits committee, organizing the exhibit schedule and hanging art work. They have both been involved in the running of the art centre for many years, and are really the heart of it. They are credited with taking the Pumphouse to a new level, growing it and promoting it so that it has become an organization known for celebrating arts across the region. And they continue to look for ways to keep it fresh and relevant, always ensuring there is something new to draw in those who love the arts. Their dedication to so many facets of the operation of the Pumphouse and the number of hours they put in to making it the best it can be make them truly worthy recipients of this award.

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HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTION



For more than a decade, Fred Johnson has been dedicated to the preservation of the history of Niagara-on-the-Lake through his work with the Niagara Historical Society Museum. He is a member of the museum's curatorial committee and can be found at the museum faithfully every Monday to catalogue new items for the collection, complete small conservation projects and make sure the collection is stored properly. His work also covers the outside - he keeps the grounds looking great, and helps maintain the gardens through weeding, planting, watering and yard clean-up. By allowing the museum to save on maintenance costs, that money can go toward caring for the collection and developing educational programs. Through his volunteer contributions, Fred is helping to preserve the rich heritage of this community for future generations and is well-deserving of this year's award for his contribution to heritage.

VOLUNTEER UNDER 21



Every year, we like to recognize one young volunteer. This year's recipient comes highly recommended from teachers at Crossroads Public School. Madison Berg is a very active member of her school community. She is a lunch monitor, a leader in the Me2We group, which organizes events to help underprivileged children in other countries, she's a recess project leader, and volunteers in the primary craft club and Kindergarten rooms. Maddie also participates on many athletic teams, both in the school and the community. At school, teachers say she is always the first to offer to help, and is the perfect candidate to receive an award for being an all-around great kid and an enthusiastic, hard-working volunteer.

SPORTS AND RECREATION



Elaine Aldridge-Low is being recognized with a volunteer award for her help with the Niagara-on-the-Lake swim team.
Elaine doesn't have kids swimming with the town's summer swim team, but she does swim herself, and while at Memorial pool swimming laps a few years ago, she realized the work that went into organizing swim meets and fundraisers for the team, and she began pitching in three or four times a month, several hours at a time. Elaine, like so many other volunteers, is known for helping out in any different areas - at Brock University's Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, at the annual strawberry social, at the Royal Canadian Henley Rowing Regatta, and at the regional golf tournament. This award is being given for all she does to help in many different ways, but chiefly for her much appreciated help with our local swim team.



Niagara Historical SOCIETY MUSEUM

Thanks to Fred Johnson and our many volunteers for their dedicated service to the Museum and for preserving the heritage of this Community! Congratulations to all of this year's winners!

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SERVICE CLUBS



In the category of service club, the decision was made this year to recognize an entire club, rather than an individual member. The accomplishments of the St. Davids Lioness, with its small group of members, is astonishing. Just this month, they organized a Santa's Breakfast and a Christmas bazaar. Every year they help out with the St. Davids Lions Carnival, organizing their own events. They support the community in many ways, but one of their main goals is to raise money for dog guides. Each dog costs about $25,000 to be trained, and half of that comes from community donations, with no cost at all to the recipient of the dog. Now there are dog guides for children with autism, for people with special needs, to help people with diabetes, and for people who are hearing or sight impaired. The St. Davids Lioness has raised enough money to pay for six dog guides, and they are working on their seventh, this one for a child with autism. That's quite an accomplishment, and the St. Davids Lioness deserve recognition for its enthusiastic and generous support of an important program that helps people in need across Canada.

EDUCATION



CARE (Citizens for Accountable and Responsible Education) came into existence a little more than a year ago, in response to the school board's accommodation review of Parliament Oak School. Members, including parents, local businesses and individuals in the community, have been incredibly busy since. Their first task was to gather together the data that showed the importance of keeping Parliament Oak School open - the importance not just to its students and families, although their welfare has been paramount, but to the community and to the town. When the school board didn't agree with their findings, and recommended the school be closed, CARE continued the battle, moving into a phase of trying to have that decision overturned, or at least reconsidered. And throughout, they have also had to fundraise, because their efforts have not been without cost. Their work is not over yet, and it is not just on behalf of one school or one group of students, but for education across the province, where decisions are being made to close small rural schools despite the devastating impact on their communities. Thank you, members of CARE, for caring about education and for working so hard to change a system that is not working in many communities across this province.

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Council approves strategic plan to address priorities

Councillors agree to look at issues that were most discussed during election

At its first full meeting for this term of office, council members approved the adoption of a refreshed strategic plan.

Earlier this year, staff embarked on a comprehensive consultation process to identify what issues are important to residents and our community at large.

Various stakeholder sessions were undertaken, as well as a public survey.

On Dec. 6, council members and senior staff took all the information collected and participated in a workshop to discuss and determine strategic priorities for the coming term.

"The strategic plan is an important blueprint for council. Many of the issues identified, such as health care, education, transit and economic development, actually reinforced what many of us heard during the municipal election campaign," said Lord Mayor Pat Darte.

In addition to those noted above, other key community-wide priorities include developing strategies for attracting and retaining youth, active living for seniors, and balanced residential growth under the Official Plan.

From a corporate standpoint, the plan calls for more revenue-generation options, ongoing improvement in communications and partner relations, and more investment in the volunteer sector.

"This plan gives staff clear direction on council's expectations for the coming term," said CAO Mike Galloway.

"It provides us with definitive benchmarks to assess where we are going. In the New Year, we will come back to council with an implementation strategy, which will include three annual workshops, one being a full-year analysis in January of each year."

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Enjoy haunting tale over pint of ale

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's a wintry tale that will go well with a pint of Christmas ale.

Tara Rosling of Shaw and Stratford Festival fame will give a theatrical reading of The Mistletoe Bride, a short story by Jeanette Winterson adapted by Shaw director Peter Hinton.

The story is based on a haunting Britisb folk tale, as told through the voice of a young woman who agrees to play what turns out to be a dangerous game of hide and seek with her husband on their wedding night.



Penny Coles Niagara Advance
Tara Rosling will read an adapted tale of The Mistletoe Bride at Silversmith Brewing Company Monday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

It is a timeless, yet timely feminist tale, says Rosling, and not a story for kids - think Jian Ghomeshi, she says, alluding to an assault without giving away too much of the plot.

It's also powerful, poignant and mournful, but with a twist that makes it not inappropriate for this festive time of year.

It's also, says Rosling, totally fitting that the story be told in a brewery that's located in a historic, ivy-covered century-old church, with its rustic, exposed wood and brick interior providing an old-world atmosphere.

Tbe reading is Monday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Silversmith Brewing Company on Niagarar Stone Rd. in Virgil. Admission is by donation, with proceeds going, also appropriately given the subject matter, says Rosling, to Gillian's Place.

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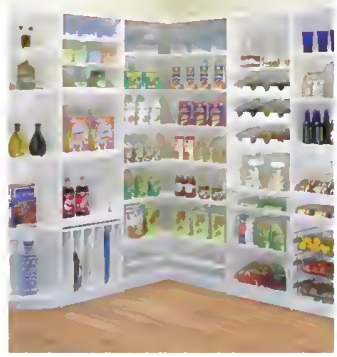


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Dare to CARE: John Hawley and Brookfield Homes, co-developers of The Village, are issuing a friendly challenge to local builders and developers to "dare to CARE," and donate to CARE's vital efforts to keep Parliament Oak School open. Hawley, with Lord Mayor Pat Darte and CARE (Citizens for Accountable and Responsible Education) chair Thomas Elltoft, presents a cheque to Robin Ridesic, president of CARE, for $5,000.

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Shaw Festival supports CARE with Polar Express showing

The Shaw Festival Theatre has been passed the torch - it is the next Niagara-on-the-Lake business on the list of those offering financial support to CARE, the organization battling to save Parliament Oak School from closure.

The Shaw is offering a special Sunday afternoon presentation of The Polar Express, the 2004 animated musical Christmas fantasy film based on the children's book of the same name.

The showing of the film, in the Festival Theatre Sunday, Dec. 21 will also offer an opportunity for a selfie photo with Santa, and a cup of hot chocolate courtesy of Balzac's Coffee. Doors open at 12 p.m. for a 1 p.m. screening.

CARE (Citizens for Accountable and Responsible Education) merchandise will also be available for purchase.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children under 12 years old.

Call the Shaw Festival Box Office at 905-468-2172 to purchase tickets.

Simpson's Pharmasave donated $1,000 to CARE, after committing $1 from every flu shot during the month of November, and Silversmith Brewing Company handed over a cheque for $2,000, after a promise to donate $1 for every pint sold during the month of October.

CARE has asked the Ontario court system for a judicial review of the school board's decision to close Parliament Oak, and is alleging there were errors in both the process of the accommodation review of Parliament Oak, and with some of the information on which the closure decision was based. The organization is fundraising to pay its legal costs.



Sean Simpson and Santa pass Jackie Maxwell of the Shaw Festival Theatre the torch that will help keep Parliament Oak School open - the Shaw is the next local business to offer financial support to CARE.

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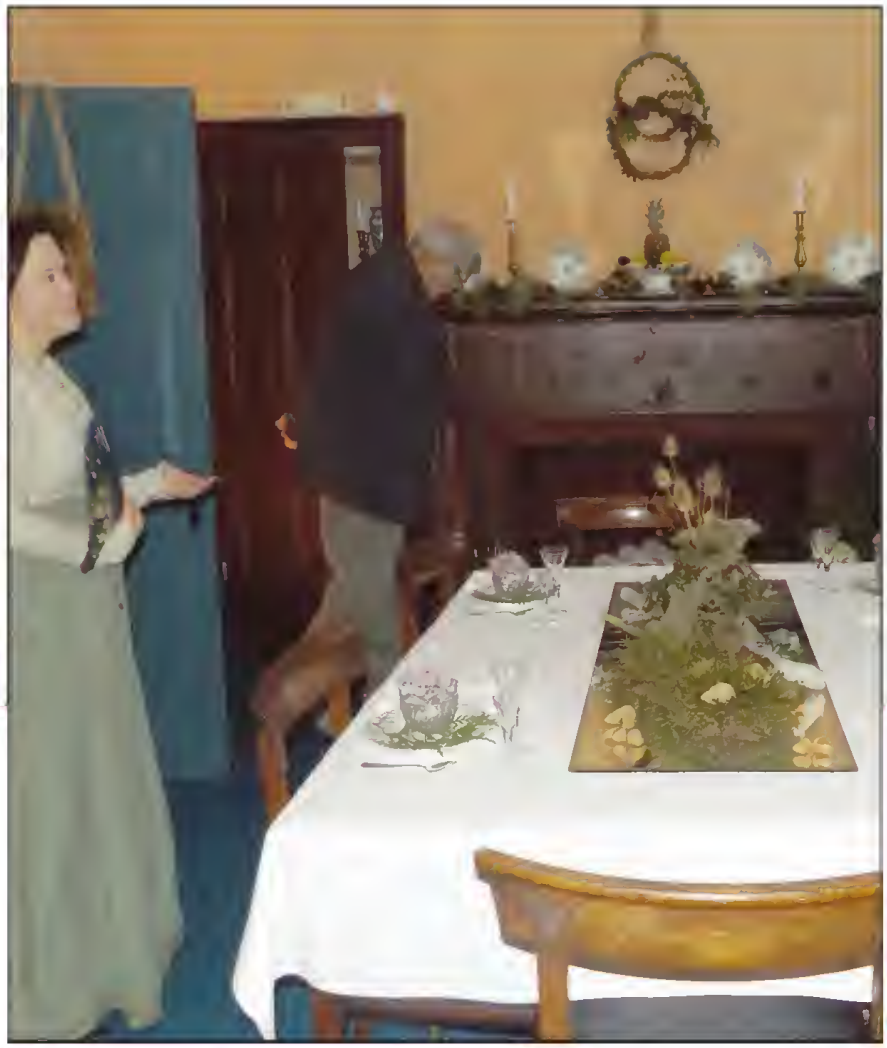
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Holiday causes extra stress, professionals say

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Special to the Advance

"All of us experience anxiety," began Nathan Bakker, a first year medical student at the Niagara Regional Campus of McMaster University.

He was addressing the topic of anxiety to a full house at the recent InfoHealth series held at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library.

Bakker described anxiety a normal response to potential threats.

"It's like a smoke alarm that goes off indicating there might be a fire. And like smoke alarms the threat may not be real, but it certainly draws our attention to situations of concern. It is better to err on the side of caution by investigating a threat, than it is to ignore the warning."

Bakker's background to dealing with anxiety stems from his plan to complete a residency program in psychiatry, and research new approaches for making treatment decisions for mood disorders.



Medical student Nathan Bakker and Dr. Mohammed Ali Warsi responded to questions at the InfoHealth session on anxiety. Randy Klaassen Special to the Advance

We are constantly processing decision-making on a daily basis, Bakker said, describing a situation where we might be out for a walk and see a snake.

The fight or flight instinct causes us to respond to the snake, yet we might then be able to recognize the snake is actually a stick.

In another situation we might walk into a room, and actually see a live snake.

Again the fight or flight reaction raises our anxiety, yet with a second look we are able to detect the snake is contained in a glass enclosure, he said.

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When anxiety is overwhelming, talk to your doctor

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How do you know when to speak up to your doctor about anxiety?

Bakker discussed the differences between everyday anxiety and when anxiety is a disorder.

The term disorder can be a bit frightening to begin with, yet it does mark a difference between anxiety that is normal and anxiety that interferes with daily activities, he said.

When situations of anxiety are persistent, uncontrollable and overwhelming it's time to talk with your doctor to see if there might be something to do to help.

There was a quick response by participants to the question and answer period.

The most notable question had to do with why cognitive behaviour therapy (counselling) is not prescribed more often than medication for anxiety.

Bakker's supervisor, Dr. Mohammed Ali Warsi replied that the harsh reality of cognitive behaviour therapy(CBT) that it is very expensive to the health care system.

"When a psychiatrist sees one patient for an hour, it's costly. Therefore, much of CBT is done in group sessions, simply to reduce the cost. However, treating some forms of anxiety, like social anxiety, are not effective in group settings."

Warsi went on to say that there are new and promising forms of treatment being developed, such as brain stimulation.

Helpful resources Bakker referred to include the web site understanding-anxiety, which has easy to understand descriptions of various types of anxiety, and the relationship of anxiety to depression.

There is a Niagara based helpline, Crisis Outreach And Support Team (COAST), 1-866-550-5205, which assists older people with cognitive impairments due to mental health problems, addictions, dementia or other conditions who are in crisis.

The next InfoHealth public lecture is on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder – ADHD.

It will be held Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 1 p.m. (Note: time change from previous sessions) at the library.

You can see the entire InfoHealth presentation on Cogeco TV, Fridays at 6 p.m., and Saturdays at 11 a.m. Each lecture is re-broadcast for four weeks following each talk, and then available for six months through Cogeco's On-Demand service.

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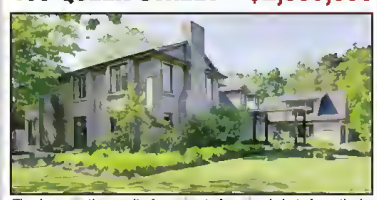
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Atom Wolves sink Port Colborne Sailors 10–1

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Hockey Association Front Row Sports Wolves cemented their position as one of the top atom BB teams in the region with a convincing 10-1 win over the Port Colborne Sailors.

After travelling in treacherous conditions caused by last Thursday's snow storm, the Wolves battled through some early penalty troubles to eventually take the lead and run away with the game.

The team snipers were Landon Cullen with a hat trick, Lukas Paugh and Nathan Van de Laar with two each and singles by Gavin Black, Vinny Pillitteri-Smith and Nathan Rawsthorne.

Goaltender Jack Parker made some spectacular saves early to bold off the Sailors' power play chances, assisted by the strong defensive efforts of Mitchell Berg and Evan Smith and the penalty killing duo of Reid Andres and Liam Dietsch.

Rawsthorne's quick snap shot gave the Wolves a 1-0 lead early in the first, and just 26 seconds later defenceman Tyler Carmichael broke out of the zone and made a perfect chip off the boards to Rawsthorne, who then chipped it past two Sailors' defenders to a streaking Cullen who made a perfect tape-to-tape breakaway pass to Paugh who buried it top shelf.

After Black made an end-to-end rush like Bobby Orr to put the Wolves up 3-0, the fans were brought to their feet again in the third period when Berg hammered the puck in the corner to a tenacious Johnny Pillitteri.

Pillitteri won a hard-fought corner battle against three Sailors and found Ethan Williams open behind the Sailors net.

Williams made an excellent heads up pass to Pillitteri-Smith in front of the net and he made no mistake, nailing a rocket shot, bar down to give the Wolves an insurmountable lead.

Cullen took over the third period and was named the Pita Pit star of the game with his relentless forechecking and natural hat trick with three consecutive wrist shots buried in the top of the net on three consecutive shifts.

The other two stars on this night were Andres for his tireless forechecking and backchecking and Paugh, who was awarded the hard hat for his key goals and hard work in the corners.

Van de Laar capped off an exciting night for the fans by deking around the Port defenders and beating the goalie with a backhander on the first goal and a hard snapshot on the second goal.

Peewee Wolves win five of six

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Hockey peewee house league Wolves are in fifth position of 16 teams, after two busy weekends and a total of six games played, with five wins.

The Investors Group Wolves played at home Sunday against Welland, their best team effort all season ending in a 3-1 win.

The forwards forechecked relentlessly and did their best to give little room to Welland's offensive players. The Wolves were led in goal by Aiden Manning who sealed the victory late in the third period as he made a spectacular glove save on a Welland breakaway.

Saturday, the peewees defeated Wainfleet 4-1, outworking the opposition in all areas of the game to take this third straight victory.

Their Thursday matchup at home against Thorold was another win. After getting out to an early 5-0 lead in the first period, the Wolves never looked back as they cruised to a 7-4 victory for their sixth win in seven games.

The previous weekend, the Wolves travelled to Pelham for a 4-3 win, hungry for retribution after a 1-3 loss on home ice to the Panthers the day before.

At home, the peewee Woves scored an 8-6 win over Thorold after being down 5-0 at the end of the first period before mounting an unbelievable comeback.

Led by an early goal on the first shift of the second period the Wolves pressed, and at the end of the second period they still trailed 5-3 but in the third period the Wolves out scored Thorold 5-1 to take the contest in the most amazing game for the peewees to date.

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Boys win silver

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A great deal of hustle, determination and resolve were shown as they came out of the round robin undefeated.

The boys lost by only four points in the final game against the North Toronto Huskies to take silver, after an intense fight to the finish.

Luke Klassen was given the Graham Dakin Hustle Award, handed out to the player who showed the most hustle throughout the entire tournament.

To get to the final, the Rangers played Toronto Motion in their first game Saturday, winning 44-28.

They then took on the Guelph Phoenix for a 45-38 win.

On Sunday, they won 35-20 against the Stoney Creek Storm and then wer defeated 45-49 in the final match.



Ranger atom boys Cameron Moss (back, left), Josiah Devries, Carter Morency, Dylan MacDonald, Carter Stoutenburg, Joshua Matthew, Trey Schatz (front), Ethan Carriere, Dylan Heidebrecht (12), Luke Klassen, Luca Valvano, Aiden Lahn and coaches Jordan Cooke, Jay Carriere, (Red Klassen is missing from the photo) win silver at the St. Catharines CYO annual basketball tournament.

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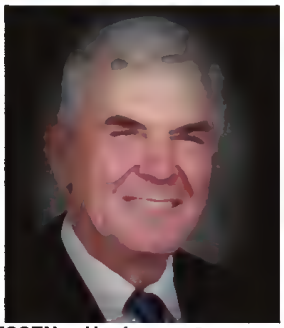
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STEWART, Reg – Passed away suddenly on Friday, December 12, 2014 at the St. Catharines General Hospital at the age of 65. Loving son of Dorothy and the Reginald Stewart. Dear brother of Bonnie (John) Spagnol and Val (Terry) Terryberry. Sadly missed by his nieces and nephews, their families and his golfing buddies. Cremation has taken place. The family will receive friends at MORGAN FUNERAL HOME, 415 Regent Street, Friday from 6-8 p.m. In memory of Reg, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at:
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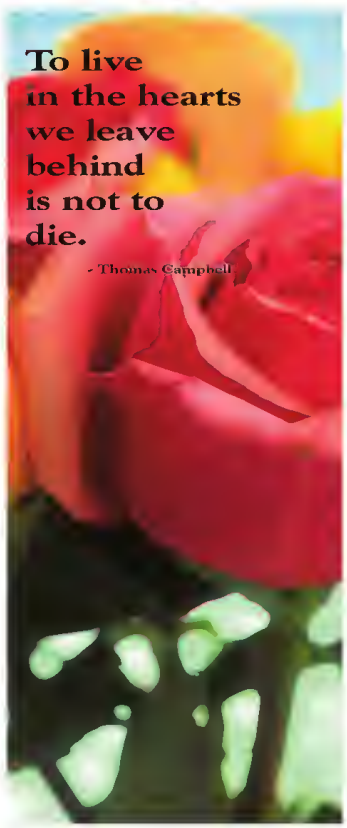
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Second gold for Ranger girls

Bantams win Woodland tournament



The Rangers bantam girls have won two consecutive tournaments, the most recent in Kitchener Waterloo.

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This weekend Woodland Christian School in Breslau was the scene of the second tournament gold medal in as many tries for the surging Niagara Rangers bantam girls basketball team.

On the beels of a recent hard fought championship in Rochester, NY, the Rangers again took top spot, this time at Kitchener Waterloo`s Lightning tournament.

Friday night's convincing 68-11 triumph over Guelph set the stage for the Rangers Saturday morning matchup against last year's provincial silver medallists/ As the dust settled following an extra overtime frame the Rangers emerged victorious 43-41.

The euphoria over beating highly ranked Transway did not distract the Rangers from their sights on a gold medal. The Saturday night game saw them best the home town KW Lightning squad 33-4 and gain a birth in Sunday's final.

That left only Oakville Venom between the Rangers and their second consecutive tourney win.

From the start Oakville seemed determined to spoil the party and lead 23-21 at half. Not to be denied, the Rangers stormed back to hold on to a 34-27 win and to again grab gold.

"In the end our depth was the key," said a satisfied and somewhat relieved Rangers head coach Jennifer Caughill.

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